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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRESIDENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. DURING INTRODUCTORY CALL JAN 18 ON FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL, I SAID THAT STATEMENTS THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE, IN 1976, EFFORTS TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SHOULD NOT BE THOUGHT MERELY A COURTEOUS FORMALITY REQUIRED BY THE NATURE OF THE SUBJECT. I ADDED THAT AGAINST BACKGROOUND OF MY EXPERIENCE IN MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS, I HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY DETERMINATION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO PREVENT STAGNATION OF EFFORT. OUR ARAB FRIENDS WOULD BE WRONG IN ASSUMING THAT THE POLITICS OF AN ELECTION YEAR MEANT THAT 1976 MUST PASS WITHOUT ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES.

2. I SAID I WAS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO MENTION TO PRINCE SAUD, FOR THE INFORMATION OF HIS MAJESTY AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, THAT THE PRESIDENT HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA THIS SPRING. SUCH A VISIT WAS CONTINGENT OF COURSE UPON THE WISHES OF HIS MAJESTY AND THE VIEWS OF HIS MAJESTY'S MINISTERS. THE PRELIMINARY TREATMENT OF SUCH A VISIT WOULD REQUIRE FREQUENT, FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. BUT I FELT
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IT ADVISABLE TO APPRISE PRINCE SAUD BRIEFLY OF

THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. PRINCE SAUD ANSWERED THAT CONTINUED UNITED STATES' PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST PEACEMAKING WAS IMPORTANT, AND THE AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN HIM WELCOME NEWS. HE KNEW IT WOULD BE WELCOME AS WELL TO KING KHALID AND TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. HE WOULD ALSO IN CONFIDENCE INFORM HIS MAJESTY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD AND WISHED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THIS MATTER.
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